

Weeks best of the British at English Champs Slalom

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Oliver Weeks posted the best result of the day for the British racers as he finished in ninth place in the Men's Slalom. Although 2.81 seconds off the pace set by the joint winners, Italians Giovanni Zazzaro and Filippo Della Vite, Weeks produced a strong run having started from further back than the leading Italian racers.

Weeks has been combining racing with education and this was his best result of the season, his first sub 60 point result in only his fifth start of the season. From bib 30, Weeks produced a good first run to make it into 11th place on the first run. Many racers took either a cautious approach and skied slowly or attacked full on and saw themselves crash out. Weeks used his experience to make rapid headway up the leaderboard and be the best of the British racers on the first run.

Edouard Guignonnet was the next best on the first run but felt he was too slow. His day came to a premature end early on the second run.

Diac Abrishami was another of the young British racers to do well on the first run as he battered his way into the top thirty for the second run. Abrishami is another than has been trying to balance education requirements at Eltham College with trying to qualify for the Youth Olympics and bettering himself on the skis. From 25th after the first run, The British Ski Academy racer under the tutelage of Alain Baxter, finished in 19th to also score a very encouraging 69 point result.

Thomas Butterworth was the third best of the British racers in finishing in 26th with Jake Doyle in 29th.

In the Women's race, Jess Anderson put in a great first run to be in fifth place overall but sadly came to grief on the second run. This left Alexa Elliff to take the honours as ~Best of the British racers in seventh place and an impressive career best points score of 68 FIS points. Nicole Ritchie produced a best second run to move up to 16th place after having admitted that she had been disappointed with her first run. Sophie Foster was third best British racer in 20th place overall.

The Under 10's and Under 12 racers also got their Championships off to a flying start with their Giant Slalom race. Two runs down the same course with the best run to count saw some no holds barred skiing as racers went flat out to try and post fast times. Both Ryan Faber and Matthew Butler were flying on their second runs looking to get on the podium before spectacularly crashing half way down. They finished fifth and fourth respectively as the main podium saw Hamish Blyth win from Luca Westbrook and Jacob Dawson in the Under 12 race.

The boys under ten saw Lorcan Morrison take the win from George Smith and Rufus Winter.

Brooke Baxter was the class act in the girls Under 12 race as she took the race win ahead of Lucy O'Connor and Catherine Murray with Lucy Howeson and Isabel Newell rounding out the top five. The Under girls race was won by Lowri Howie from Jessica Freear and Jessy Bosch.

Next up are the NJR FIS slaloms and then the Under 14 and Under 16 Slalom races.

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